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COUNTRY PROFILE

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Since the 2010 earthquake, the U.S. Government has committed \$4.2 billion in assistance to help Haiti transition from disaster relief to a long-term development plan. Key advancements in health services, investments in the agriculture sector, municipal governance and legal protections for vulnerable populations amount to real improvements in the lives of Haitian citizens. And by taking steps to hold long-overdue legislative and presidential elections, the Government of Haiti (GOH) is making important strides toward meaningful change.

OUR WORK

The U. S. Agency for International Development (USAID) is working to build a stable and economically viable Haiti. The focus of U.S. assistance is on long-term reconstruction and development: promoting economic growth, job creation, agricultural development, providing access to basic health care and education, and improving government effectiveness.

INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENERGY

USAID works to improve Haiti's capacity to attract international investment and increase trade through various infrastructure projects in the north of the country, focusing on the provision of reliable energy and a modern port facility. In the housing sector, USAID encourages urban planning, affordable housing finance, and the improvement of existing urban neighborhoods to help communities with their own rebuilding initiatives. USAID is also testing ways for the private sector to play a more prominent role in housing construction and finance.

ECONOMIC AND FOOD SECURITY

Today, 50 percent of Haitians rely on agriculture as a primary source of income. To promote economic growth within this sector, USAID, with the Feed the Future Initiative, is focused on increasing farming households' incomes through measures that strengthen natural resource management as well as upgrade farm-level technology and improve market access for key crops. Outside of agriculture, USAID promotes the creation of formal sector employment in main industrial sectors, including agribusiness, apparel and construction, and is helping to increase lending to micro-, small-, and medium-sized enterprises. To address food insecurity, USAID, in partnership with the GOH, implements a nutrition-focused safety net program, Kore Lavi, aimed at preventing malnutrition among pregnant and breastfeeding mothers and children under five, using a national system of food vouchers and training community health workers on maternal and child health.

HEALTH AND EDUCATION

USAID, with U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), is working to improve access to basic health services, prevent HIV, tuberculosis, and raise child survival rates while reducing maternal mortality, and expanding the GOH's capacity to regulate, operate and finance the health system as well as deliver essential health care services. In education, a recent USAID study revealed that roughly 75 percent of children at the end of first grade and nearly half of students finishing second grade could not read. USAID supports a comprehensive early grade reading program, the foundation for all learning, which trains teachers in modern methods, develops new materials in Kreyol and French, and improves learning outcomes for students.

GOVERNANCE AND RULE OF LAW

USAID supports a number of programs aimed at helping Haiti establish credible political and electoral processes, strengthen the justice system, provide access to legal aid, and promote improved tax collection and municipal services. USAID also works to strengthen the operations of civil society groups, especially in regards to human rights issues. Through its Local Solutions Initiative, USAID is building capacity among a network of local institutions to enable Haitians to effectively participate in their country's development.

OFFICE OF FOREIGN DISASTER ASSISTANCE

Haiti is highly vulnerable to a range of hazards, including hurricanes and tropical storms, earthquakes, disease outbreaks, and droughts. Due to this high risk, the Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance maintains a permanent presence in Haiti and is focused on both providing immediate humanitarian assistance to disaster-affected populations and funding disaster risk reduction programs that increase community resilience and promote national self-sufficiency in emergency preparedness and management.

LOOKING AHEAD: SUSTAINABILITY

Focusing on long-term impact, USAID works closely with the Haitian government, in partnership with other international donors and multi-lateral institutions, to increase aid effectiveness, accountability, and transparency, and help Haitians fight corruption and responsible stewards of public finances.

HAITI FAST FACTS

Haiti ranks:

163 of 168 on the Human Development Index

180 of 189 on the World Bank Ease of Doing Business Index

161 of 175 on Corruption Perception Index

138 of 188 on Gender Inequality Index

"Alarming" on the Global Hunger Index

40% of urban population is unemployed

75% of Haitians live on less than \$2.00 per day

50% of adult Haitians are illiterate

40% of Haitians lack access to healthcare

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